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APPOMATTOX COUNTY DAY

If the Weather Man cooperates with another beautiful Spring Sunday, May 5 should be an outstanding day in historic Appomattox. The Appomattox County Jamestown Festival Year Committee has set up a religious service, outdoors, at Old Appomattox Court House, which by all means should become an annual event. The distinctive claim to a prominent spot in history of this community, is that it holds out to a war-weary world a hope for world peace. The Appomattox Episode of 1865, is one of the most notable in our nation's long history.

It is significant that Dr. Twyman Williams has chosen for the theme of his sermon at 11:45 A. M. this Sunday at the McLean House: The Certainty of World Peace. We await with keen interest his presentation of hope, and the Christian Ideal of war's end.

Other events scheduled during the afternoon, make it most desirable that all Appomattox people, former Appomattox County residents, and friends in general, meet Sunday at 11:45 at this sacred shrine of Peace. We urge you to attend and join in this observance.

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THE RIGHT TO DISAGREE

A recent newspaper article about Charles Lindbergh, discussing his past and present views on foreign policy, reminds us that in America the right to disagree is one of our most cherished possessions.

It will be remembered that Lindbergh did not agree with President Roosevelt and the Administration in the immediate pre-World War II days, and that this disagreement finally led the President to utter uncomplimentary remarks about him and caused him to lose some of his once-tremendous popularity.

Although Lindbergh felt that the United States should not get involved in the European war, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor he quickly announced his eagerness to serve his country, although he was rebuffed by Washington.

History will not discredit Lindbergh, for a man has, in this country, a right to disagree. He even has a right to be wrong, and few indeed are always right.

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MAY

Spring's last-born darling, clear-eyed, sweet,
Pauses a moment with twinkling feet,
And golden locks in breezy play,
Half-teasing and half-tender, to repeat,
Her song of May. —Susan Coolidge.

May, which probably derives its name from Maia, the mother of Mercury, is the last Spring month. It is a particularly pleasant month in the United States, and most countries, and signifies the end of school for millions of students.

The belief that May is an unlucky month for marriage is a hangover from the old Roman belief that the good goddess Fauna was a prophetic divinity, who revealed her knowledge only to females. And the festival of the goddess was celebrated in May Also, the festival of the unhappy dead was celebrated in that month. The month was not supposed to be lucky for marriages because of these two festivals.

Probably then, June became a popular month for marriages, since marriages postponed probably took place the following month, or in June. Likewise, May Day—observed on the first day of May—traces back to the days of the Romans and to the annual Floralia. Floralia took its name from Flora, the goddess of flowers. It is thought that the Greeks might have observed the day even earlier, but is is generally acknowledged that the Romans, who occupied Great Britain for four or five centuries, introduced the festival in that country.

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HOW TO KILL FELLOW CITIZENS

If you are planningto kill some of your fellow citizens in an automobile in the near future, or even if you are not planning to, it would be wise to heed the following facts, which have just been made available in a timely booklet on highway deaths in the United States.

The record for 1956 was not a very pretty one. There were 40,000 deaths on the highways of the United States last year, 2,200 more than in 1955. There were 2,368,000 injuries in 1956, 210,000 more than in 1955. There were 233,080 pedestrian casualties in 1956, 2,680 more than in 1955.

An interesting addition to the statistical list is the fact ?a almost forty-two per cent of the 40,000 deaths in 1956 occurred on the weekends. And, it should be noted that eighty per cent of the accidents occurred on dry roads, in clear weather, and better than four out of five of them resulted from driver errors.

The worst time for automobile accidents, figured in the hours of the day, is apparently between four in the afternoon and eight in the evening. This is the time when many people are going home from work, perhaps in a hurry, and, later on, when they are going out for the night. In these hours, about twenty-five per cent of the deaths and injuries occurred in 1956.

Accidents involving automobiles and a fixed object accounted for 4,120 deaths and those involving a train accounted for 1,280 deaths. It is somewhat surprising to learn that 480 deaths resulted from collisions between automobiles and bicycles.

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Background Scripture: Genesis 1:27-2:25.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 90:1-12.

Resourceful God

Lesson for May 5, 1957

Dr. Foreman

THE BIBLE has a plot, take it as a whole, as much as any thriller you ever read. In fact the Bible is more thrilling because it directly concerns each one of the human race. It is the story of age-long conflict between Good and Evil, portrayed as a personal conflict between God and Satan, a struggle for the mind and control of the earth and of man. The story begins in a sunny, hopeful way. God makes a world, an unfinished world but nevertheless beautiful, and he calls into existence Man and Woman, to live on this earth, to beautify and complete it further. They are to be God's friends and fellow-workers. But before the reader quite knows how it happens, the Serpent appears on the scene and persuades man that God is not his friend but his enemy. So the man rebels against his Maker, is faithless to his divine Friend. Philosophers and theologians have other ways of telling it; but from the simple pictur-stories of Genesis shines the same double truth and tragedy: Man is made for fellowship with God and other human beings, but he has broken the fellowship, he has turned against his truest Friend.

God Planning

Mysteries darken our knowledge here. But of some things we can be sure. One is that God does not deal with his world and his creatures haphazard. He is a planning God. Another thing that seems clear is that man has freedom to obey God or to disobey; to fit in with the Plan or to reject it and the Planner. God could, no doubt, have made a race of beings who could not possibly do anything but right, a race of perfect robots; but for some reason God chose to make man free. One suspects that the reason is that God would rather be loved by persons who would love him freely, than to be loved by creatures "wound up," so to speak—bound to love him whether or no. (Would that be real love?) Another thing that stands out is that God is resourceful; in one sense his Plan can be broken, when men go contrary to his will. In another sense men do not break his Plan, for God appears in Genesis like a wise general who has more than one plan of strategy—all pointing to victory.

God Rejected

Man is not free unless he is free to do wrong as well as to do right. And if he is free to do wrong, which is a short way of saying free to go against the will and plan of God, then he is free to destroy himself. For the Plan of God for man, born as it is infinite Wisdom and infinite Love, is always for man's best. For man to resist God, to ignore him, scorn him, live by man-made plans, is to choose the way of death. Genesis shows dramatically how the sin of man grows worse as a snowball grows larger—the farther it goes the more rapidly it grows. Adam's sin seemed a rather slight thing—then his son is a murderer, and his descendants so bad that God could scarcely find one good family among them. The story in Genesis is the story of mankind; men prefer their own way to God's way—the way of hate and conflict rather than the way of fellowship and love; and they suffer the judgment of God; namely that those who take their own way must accept the inevitable disaster.

God Undefeated

Many religions know of just and righteous gods who have been rejected by wicked or careless or ignorant men. But the God revealed in the Bible does not act as the "gods of the gentiles" are said to act. For man's sin, other gods may have resentment, vengeance, punishment. But these things leave man as he was, an enemy—a conquered enemy perhaps, but with rebellion still smoldering in his soul. Other religions provide elaborate methods by which men may pay for their sins—going long pilgrimages, undergoing self-imposed tortures. But the true God is quite different from the gods whom men imagine—a god undefeated, infinitely resourceful. He never gives up his Plan for a people in fellowship with him. Men are changed, saved, made fit to be God's friends, only by steadfast undiscouraged love.

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Garden Talk

By Edith P. Gregory
Appomattox Garden Club

Today, let's talk about the Flower Show we plan to have May 4 and 5, at Gray's Cabin near the Old Appomattox Court House.

Many of the members of the Garden Club will not have time to read this column, but if you do, please help us to make this Flower Show a big success. Bring arrangements in whatever classes appeal to you. If some of the new members need advice, or wish to discuss the show practices with us, we shall be glad to help. Your flowers and historical accessories will help to make the atmosphere of the show more exciting.

Please remember that any one may bring horticultural specimens, whether they are members of the Garden Club or not. Your potted plants, blooming or non-blooming, and specimen blossoms and branches of shrubs. Just consult the schedule and bring whatever you have that is outstanding. If it does not suit you to bring them to the Cabin, call one of us to come for them Saturday morning.

Don't forget to harden the plants and flowers you plan to use in your arrangements. Cut them the night before, if possible, and put them in water that is hot enough for a good hot bath, and leave them in till the water cools. They will hold up better and last longer if hardened in this way. You may cut the stems in desired lengths when ready to make your arrangements, and use cold water in the containers.

Please have all entries in before 12:00 Saturday.

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April 9, 1957

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... must be in writing. The ... reserves the right to reject ... and all bids. The pro... ... ordinance in the ... secured following:

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... for the grant by the ... Appomattox, Virginia, to ... ... company, or to a con... ... its successors and as... ... to be ascertain... ... prescribed by ... the right for the term ... the conditions herein ... stringing the wires as herein author... ... places of said Town, ... require, erect, maintain ... and if now constructed ... and use, poles, tow... ... and appliances over ... but shall not cut or otherwise in... ... tain and use, and if ... ... to maintain and ... ... or subways, includ... ... manholes, and to ... and wires in, under ... the streets, alleys and ... use of said Town, for ... of distributing and ... electric current for ... and power, and to sup... electric current for ... power at any point ... corporate limits of said ... ... hereafter be extended or al...

...AINED BY THE COUN... TOWN OF APPO... ...TOX, VIRGINIA:

...here shall be granted in ... described by law for ... ...ands and upon the con... ...ninafter specified, the ... ...ges on, over and ... streets, alleys and public ... of Town of Appomattox, ... in the following ... ordinance entitled:

... ORDINANCE

...mors and assigns, the ... the term and upon the ... herein stated, to use ... streets, alleys and public ... the Town of Appomattox, ... and to acquire, ... maintain and use, and if ... to maintain and ... towers, wires and ap... over and along, and to ... construct, maintain and ... now constructed to ... and use, conduits or sub... ... necessary man... ... along the streets, ... public places of said ... purpose of distri... transmitting electric ... light, heat and power, ... and sell electric ... light, heat and power ... in the corporate ... said Town, as the same ... or may hereafter be ... amended.

ORDAINED BY THE ... OF THE TOWN OF ...TOX, VIRGINIA:

I. That the right is ... granted unto

... hereinafter referred ... "grantee", its successors ... for the term and sub... ... conditions and limita... ... stated, to use the ... and public places of ... of Appomattox, Virginia, ... referred to as the ... to acquire, erect, main... ... and if now construct... ... and use, poles, tow... ... and appliances over and ... to acquire, construct, ... and use, and if now con... structed to maintain and use, conduits or subways, including necessary manholes, and to run cables and wires in, under and along the streets, alleys and public places of the Town, for the purpose of distributing and transmitting electric current for light, heat and power, and to supply and sell electric current for light, heat and power at any point within the corporate limits of the Town, as the same now exist or may hereafter be extended or altered.

Section 2. From and after the date on which this ordinance shall become effective, the poles and other structures in, under and along the streets, alleys and public places of the Town, authorized by this ordinance to be located and constructed, shall be located at reasonably suitable and convenient points. If and when requested by the Mayor or other proper administrative officer of the Town, the grantee shall, from time to time, file with the Town plans showing the location of proposed additional poles or structures, and obtain a permit therefor prior to their construction in, under and along the streets, alleys and public places of the Town.

Section 3. In the location and erection of the poles, conduits and other structures and fixtures and in stringing the wires as herein authorized, the said grantee shall have the right to trim, cut and keep clear of its wires and fixtures the trees in and along the streets, alleys and public places of the Town, but shall not cut or otherwise injure said trees to any greater extent than is reasonably necessary in the construction, maintenance and operation of the said poles, wires, fixtures and other structures of the said grantee as herein authorized and provided.

Section 4. In the event the said grantee shall, in the construction or repair of its works, injure any pavement, sidewalk, sewer, water or other pipe or works belonging to the Town, it shall, upon notice thereof from the Mayor, promptly repair the same at its own cost and expense.

Section 5. The said grantee shall, when so requested by the Council of the Town, permit its poles, towers and other structures to be used without compensation by said Town for the purpose of placing thereon any traffic lighting, fire or police alarm, telegraph or telephone wires which may be necessary for the exclusive use of the police or fire department of the Town, provided that such use by the Town shall not interfere with the proper use of said poles, structures and fixtures by the said grantee, and that the location and character of said wires and fixtures of the said Town shall be subject to the approval of the grantee herein, and provided further that the said Town shall, and it hereby agrees to, indemnify and save harmless the said grantee from any and all loss, damage, cost or expense to, or which may be incurred by said grantee, or to which it may be subjected by reason of or as a result of the use of said poles and structures by the Town as in this section provided.

Section 6. The said grantee agrees and binds itself, by the acceptance of this ordinance, to indemnify, keep and hold the Town free and harmless from liability on account of injury or damage to person or property growing out of the construction, improvement, maintenance, repair and operation of its lines or works, and in the event that suit shall be brought against the Town, either independly or jointly with said grantee, on account thereof, the said grantee, upon notice to it by the Town, will defend the Town in any such suit at the cost of said grantee, and, in event of a final judgment being obtained against the Town, either independently or jointly with said grantee, the said grantee will pay such judgment, with all costs, and hold the Town harmless therefrom; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to render said grantee liable for the negligence of the Town, its agents or employees or of any other person or corporation.

Section 7. The rights and privileges herein set forth are granted and conferred upon the said grantee, upon the express conditions and understanding on the part of the said grantee, that it will render to the public in the Town within the territory served by the said grantee, at all times during the term of this ordinance, an efficient light and power service at reasonable rates, and that it will maintain its properties, works and structures located within the Town in good order throughout the term of this grant, and the said grantee by accepting this ordinance expressly agrees that the State Corporation Commission shall have jurisdiction to the full extent and in the manner now or hereafter during the life of this ordinance provided by law, to require the said grantee to render an efficient service at reasonable rates, and to maintain its property in good order throughout the term of this grant, and to otherwise enforce the provisions of this section to the full extent provided by law.

Section 8. Any person who shall maliciously or wrongfully tamper or interfere with, cut, injure or destroy any of the poles, wires, fixtures or other property of the said grantee, constructed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, within the corporate limits of the Town, shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars.

Section 9. All the rights and privileges hereby granted to said grantee may be exercised by any successor or successors, assignee or assignees of the said grantee, but said successor or successors, assignee or assignees shall be subject to all the provisions, obligations and stipulations and penalties herein prescribed.

Section 10. The rights and privileges hereby granted shall continue for the period of thirty years from and after the final passage of this ordinance, unless the same be sooner voluntarily surrendered by the said grantee, with the consent of the Council of the Town, or unless the same be sooner forfeited as provided by law.

Upon the expiration of the term of this grant and upon the termination of the rights hereby granted, by surrender, forfeiture or otherwise, all of the poles, wires, conduits, lines and other property of the said grantee in the streets, alleys or public places of the Town shall be removed from the streets, alleys and public places of said Town at the expense of the owner within a reasonable time after the expiration or termination of said rights and privileges, such time to be prescribed by the Council of the Town.

Section 11. This ordinance and the rights and privileges hereby granted and conferred shall not become effective unless and until the said grantee shall file with the Mayor of the Town its written acceptance thereof, in form satisfactory to the Mayor, and shall enter into a bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000), with surety satisfactory to the Mayor, conditioned to the effect that the grantee will construct and maintain, or if constructed, will maintain, the plant or plants provided for herein and reasonably necessary for the exercise of the rights and privileges granted in and by this ordinance, and will maintain the same in good order throughout the term of this grant, and will comply with the terms, provisions and conditions of this ordinance in all respects.

Section 12. The right is hereby granted to the grantee, insofar as the Town may lawfully grant such right, to operate the existing poles, wires and appurtenances, constructed within the corporate limits of the Town on the date this franchise is effective, and hereafter operated as an electric light and power distribution system with in the Town as a part of the electric light and power distribution system of the grantee to be constructed and operated under this franchise.

Section 13. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

II. That upon the approval of this ordinance by the Mayor of the Town it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to cause to be advertised once a week for four successive weeks, in some newspaper of general circulation in the Town, the draft of ordinance contained in the foregoing Sections, and in addition he shall, by such advertisement, invite bids for the privileges and rights proposed to be granted by said ordinance, which bids shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the presiding officer of the Council of the Town in open session at the day and hour of the next regular meeting of the said body to be held next after such advertisement is completed, which bids shall then be presented to the Council by the said presiding officer to be dealt with and acted upon in the manner prescribed by law for franchise grants. Said advertisement shall expressly reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and the successful bidder shall be required to pay all costs of advertising the franchise in addition to the sum bid by it.

III. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

Passed by the Town Council of the Town of Appomattox, Virginia, on the 18 day of March, 1957.

Richard D. Robinson,
Mayor.

(4-18-4tc)

REAL BACK-SEAT DRIVER

Springfield, Ill.- A traffic officer was flabbergasted when he saw Ronald Roof, 17, guiding his automobile down the highway from the back seat. Roof said another youth was on the floor of the front seat, operating the accelerator. Roof was charged with reckless driving.

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Westport, Conn.- A rock, the size of a softball, smashed through a window and hit Mrs. Harry Hammerman on the head. The rock had flown 270 feet from a construction site when dynamite used to blast a hole for a drainage ditch, was not off. Mrs. Hammerman had to be treated by a doctor.

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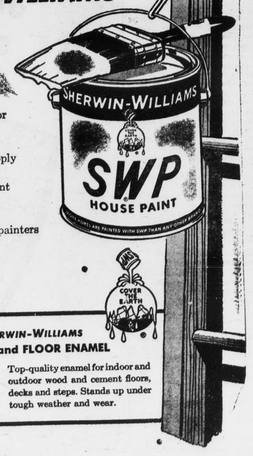

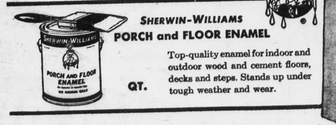

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